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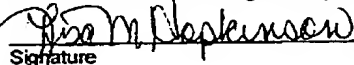
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2006 (the "Office Action"). This Preliminary Amendment respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this Response.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this response.